LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image description system comprising:

a feature extracting unit extracting MPEG-7 Colorlayout features from respective [[of]] frames of an image sequence; and

a representative feature calculating unit calculating a representative color layout feature representative of said image sequence from a group of said MPEG-7 Colorlayout features of all frames extracted by said feature extracting unit.

2. (Previously Presented) The image description system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a representative layout feature storage unit storing said representative color layout feature calculated by said representative feature calculating unit.

3. (Previously Presented) The image description system according to claim 2, further comprising:

a layout feature group storage unit storing said group of MPEG-7 Colorlayout features calculated by said feature extracting unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The image description system according to claim 1, wherein said representative feature calculating unit calculates average values of respective elements of [[a]] said MPEG-7 Colorlayout feature extracted by said feature extracting unit as said representative color layout feature.

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5. (Currently Amended) The image description system according to claim 1, wherein said representative feature calculating unit rearranges values of respective elements of [[a]] said MPEG-7 Colorlayout feature extracted by said feature extracting unit in any of ascending order [[and]] or descending order, and calculates a median as said representative color layout feature.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) An image description software product embodied on a computer-readable medium, said software product having instructions executable on a computer for performing the steps comprising:

extracting MPEG-7 Colorlayout features from respective of frames of an image sequence; and

calculating a representative color layout feature representative of said image sequence from a group of said MPEG-7 Colorlayout features extracted by said feature extracting function.

10. (Previously Presented) An image description method comprising:

extracting MPEG-7 Colorlayout features from respective of frames of an image sequence; and

calculating a representative color layout feature representative of said image sequence from a group of said MPEG-7 Colorlayout features extracted in said extracting.

11. (Withdrawn) An image identification system comprising:

a representative layout feature storage unit storing a color layout feature representative of an image sequence as a representative color layout feature; and

an image sequence selecting unit selecting an image sequence which resembles a query image sequence by comparing said representative color layout feature of said query image sequence stored in said representative layout feature storage unit with said representative color layout feature of a registered image sequence stored in said representative layout feature storage unit.

12. (Previously Presented) An image identification system comprising:

a representative layout feature storage unit storing a color layout feature representative of an image sequence as a representative color layout feature;

a feature extracting unit extracting MPEG-7 Colorlayout features from respective of frames of a query image sequence;

a representative feature calculating unit calculating a representative color layout feature representative of said query image sequence from a group of said MPEG-7 Colorlayout features extracted by said feature extracting unit; and

an image sequence selecting unit selecting a sequence which resembles said query image sequence by comparing said representative color layout feature calculated by said representative feature calculating unit with said representative color layout feature stored in said representative layout feature storage unit.

13. (Previously Presented) The image identification system according to claim 12, further comprising:

a layout feature group storage unit storing color layout features associated with respective of frames of said image sequence; and

an identification unit matching said group of MPEG-7 Colorlayout features extracted by said feature extracting unit against said MPEG-7 Colorlayout features stored in said layout feature group storage unit as to said image sequence selected by said image sequence selecting unit.

14. (Currently Amended) The image identification system according to claim 12, wherein said representative feature calculating unit calculates average values of respective elements of [[a]] said MPEG-7 Colorlayout feature extracted by said feature extracting unit as said representative color layout feature.

15. (Currently Amended) The image identification system according to claim 12, wherein said representative feature calculating unit rearranges values of respective elements of [[a]] said MPEG-7 Colorlayout feature extracted by said feature extracting unit in any of ascending order or descending order, and calculates a median as said representative color layout feature.

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (Withdrawn) An image identification software product executable on a computer comprising:

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computer readable code configured to cause said computer to store a color layout feature representative of an image sequence as a representative color layout feature in a storage unit of said computer; and

computer readable code configured to cause said computer to select an image sequence which resembles a query image sequence by comparing said representative color layout feature of said query image sequence stored in said storage unit with said representative color layout feature of a registered image sequence stored by in said storage unit.

20. (Withdrawn) An image identification method comprising:

storing a color layout feature representative of an image sequence as a representative color layout feature; and

selecting an image sequence which resembles a query image sequence by comparing said representative color layout feature of said query image sequence stored in said storing with said representative color layout feature of a registered image sequence stored in said storing.

21. (canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The image identification system according to claim 13, wherein said representative feature calculating unit calculates average values of respective elements of [[a]] said MPEG-7 Colorlayout feature extracted by said feature extracting unit as said representative color layout feature.

23. (Currently Amended) The image identification system according to claim 13, wherein said representative feature calculating unit rearranges values of respective elements of [[a]] said MPEG-7 Colorlayout feature extracted by said feature extracting unit in any of ascending order or descending order, and calculates a median as said representative color layout feature.

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